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SUBJECT: US TO LET 1,600 RETURN TO VN

FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

1. FOLLOWING IS OCTOBER 1, 1975 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE BY MURRAY MARDER ON REPATRIATION (TRANSLATION INCLUDED) WHICH YOU SHOULD PRINT SOONEST IN CAMP NEWSPAPER, BEGIN ARTICLE:

2. PRESIDENT FORD HAS AGREED TO PERMIT ABOUT 1,600 REFUGEES TO TRY TO RETURN TO SOUTH VIETNAM FROM GUAM, ON A SHIP THEY WILL SAIL THEMSELVES.

3. THERE IS NO CERTAINTY, HOWEVER, THAT COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES IN SAIGON WILL ALLOW THEM TO LAND.

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4. THIS IS A "HUMAN DILEMMA," SAID JULIA V. TAFT, VIETNAM TASK FORCE DIRECTOR, IN ANNOUNCING THE LONG DEBATED DECISION YESTERDAY.

5. ABOUT 128,000 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN RESETTLED BY THE

UNITED STATES, SHE SAID, BUT THE 1,600 OR MORE WANTING TO GO BACK TO SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE REACHED "VIOLENT PROPORTIONS" IN THEIR DEMANDS TO BE RETURNED, AND THE UNITED STATES

CANNOT HOLD THEM "AGAINST THEIR WILL."

6. IF SOUTH VIETNAM REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE PEOPLE ON THE SHIP, THERE COULD BE A STORMY PROPAGANDA BATTLE BETWEEN THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AND THE UNITED STATES, OVER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPASSE. THAT POSSIBILITY HAS TROUBLED MANY AMERICAN OFFICIALS FOR MONTHS.

7. PRESIDENT FORD MADE THE DECISION MONDAY NIGHT, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, TAFT SAID, TO MEET THE "ADAMANT DESIRE" OF THE REFUGEES TO SAIL BACK TO SAIGON.

8. "THIS CANNOT BE A 'FLYING DUTCHMAN' SITUATION," SAID ONE U.S. OFFICIAL, REFERRING TO THE LEGENDARY SHIP CONDEMNED TO SAIL THE SEAS FOREVER. "WE WILL RECEIVE THEM BACK AT GUAM" IF THEY CANNOT LAND IN SOUTH VIETNAM, HE SAID.

9. MOST OF THE REFUGEES INVOLVED NEVER INTENDED TO LEAVE SOUTH VIETNAM. THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE LANDED AT ANOTHER PORT IN THAT COUNTRY WHEN THEY LEFT IN CONFUSION AS SOUTH VIETNAM FELL UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL LAST APRIL. THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO LAND, ON THE BASIS OF RADIO BROADCASTS AND REPORTS REACHING THEM FROM NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO OFFICIAL ASSURANCE OF THAT.

10. THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO RECONDITION A SHIP THAT BROUGHT MANY OF THEM TO GUAM, THE 487-FOOT VESSEL VIETNAM THUONG TIN, A 6,275-TON CARGO SHIP. IT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS TO EQUIP THE SHIP FOR THE TWO-WEEK VOYAGE FROM GUAM TO VIETNAM, OFFICIALS SAID.
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IT WILL CARRY PROVISIONS FOR A ROUND TRIP.

11. "WE ARE NOT 'SENDING THEM BACK,'" TAFT SAID, "WE ARE ALLOWING THEM TO REPOSSESS THE SHIP THEY BROUGHT."

13. TAFT SAID "TENSIONS HAVE PEAKED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS ON GUAM WITH A SERIES OF OUT-BURSTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS," FOUR U.S. MARSHALS WERE HOSPITALIZED IN AN AUG. 31 RIOT.

14. THE DECISION ON LETTING THEM SAIL, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID, CAME AFTER THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER, PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGA KAHN, FAILED TO GET "ANY CONCRETE

WORD" FROM COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES IN HANOI DURING A TRIP TO NORTH VIETNAM LAST WEEK.

15. ACCORDING TO SADRUDDIN'S DEPUTY, THE NORTH VEITNAMESE AUTHORIES REITERATED THEIR "POLICY OF RECEIVING THOSE VIETNAMESE DESIROUS OF RETURNING TO THEIR HOMELAND," AND SAID: "SUCH RETURN WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS FOR RETURN HAVE BEEN EXAMINED."

16. TAFT SAID THOSE APPLICATIONS WERE TURNED OVER TO COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES IN JULY.

17. OTHER SOURCES SAID THE FORD ADMINISTRATION CONCLUDED THAT THE PRINCE "STRUCK OUT" FOR ANY REFUGEE RETURN IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE IN AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION IF IT DELAYED ANY LONGER.

18. THE U.S. VETO OF U.N. MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, UNLESS SOUTH KOREA ALSO IS ALLOWED TO ENTER THE UNITED NATIONS, CLEARLY "HAS COMPLICATED THIS PROBLEM," ONE U.S. SOURCE ACKNOWLEDGED.

19. IN ADDITION, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER IS REPORTED TO HAVE PUT SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA ON THE LIST OF NATIONS WHERE AMERICAN PASSPORTS ARE INVALID WITHOUT SPECIFIC APPROVAL, AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUBORDINATES IN THE BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC UNCLASSIFIED

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AFFAIRS.

20. THE FORMAL NOTICE OF THAT ACTION, PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, CITED "SEVERE HOSTILITY" OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS TOWARD THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN APRIL.

21. TONG THONG FORD DA CHAP THUAN CHO KHOANG 1,600 NGUOI TY NAN HIEN O DAO GUAM TRO VE MIEN VIET-NAM BANG TAU DO TU HO SE TU DIEU KHIEN LAY.

22. TUY NHIEN, CHUA CO GI CHAC CHAN RANG CHINH QUYEN CONG SAN O SAIGON SE CHO PHEP HO NHAP CANH.

23. DAY LA MOT SU "MAU THUAN NHAN DAO," BA JULIA V. TAFT, GIAM DOC LIEN CO QUAN DAC NHIEM TY NAN DON DUONG TUYEN BO VE CUOC BAN CAI KY LUONG DE DI DEN QUYET DINH

NAY NGAY HOM TRUOC.

24. KHOANG 128,000 NGUOI TY NAN DA DUOC DINH CU TAI HOA-KY, BA NOI, NHUNG 1,600 HOAC NHIEU HON MOT CHUT

MUON TRO LAI MIEN NAM VIET-NAM DO CO "NHUNG THAI DO GAY GAT" TRONG VIEC DOI HOI CUA HO, VA CHINH PHU HOA-KY KHONG THE NAO LAM "TRAI VOI SO NGUYEN CUA HO."

25. NEU NAM VIET-NAM TU CHOI TIEP NHAN NHOM NGUOI TRO VE BANG TAU, RAT CO THE SE BUNG NO SU TRANH LUAN VE TUYEN TRUYEN GIUA CONG SAN VIET-NAM VA HOA-KY, DE QUY TRACH NHIEM VE PHIA BEN NAO DOI VOI SU TAC NGHEN NAY. SU KIEN CO THE DO DA LAM PHIEU CHO GIOI CHUC HOA-KY TRONG NHIEU THANG NAY.

26. TONG-THONG DA DUA RA QUYET DINH NAY VAO TOI NGAY THU HAI, VOI SU THOA THUAN CUA HOI DONG AN NINH QUOC GIA DE DAP LAI "NGUYEN VONG VONG SAT DA" CUA NHUNG NGUOI TY NAN MUON XU DUNG TAU TRO VE HSAIGON. BA JULIA TAFT CHO BIET NHU TREN.

27. "DAY KHONG THE LA MOT CHUYEN DI VO DINH", GIOI UNCLASSIFIED

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CHUC HOA-KY TUYEN BO KHI DE CAP DEN SU TICH CUA MOT CHIEC TAU DA KHONG BAO GIO DUOC CAP BEN "FLYING DUTCHMAN" SITUATION." ONG TUYEN BO TIEP "CHUNG TOI SE TIEP NHAN HO TRO LAI DAO GUAM" NEU HO KHONG THE DO BO LEN HAN VIET-NAM.

28. PHAN LON NHUNG NGUOI TY NAN XIN HOI HUONG TRUOC DAY KHONG BAO GIO CO Y DINH ROI KHOI VIET-NAM. KHI HO ROI NAM VIET-NAM TRONG HOAN CAMH HON LOAN HOI CUOI THANG TU VUA QUA KHI MA NAM VIET-NAM DO LOT VAO SU KIEM SOAT CUA CONG SAN, HO NGHI RANG HO CO THE DO BO LEN MOT HAI CANG NAO KHAC CUA QUOC GIA DO. HO TIN TUONG RANG HO SE DUOC CHAP THUAN NHAP CANH, CAN CU THEO TIN TUC DAI PHAT THANH VA NHUNG LOI TUONG THUAT VE TINH HINH BAC VA NAM VIET-NAM DEN VOI HO, MAC DAU KHONG COHBAO DAM CHINH THUC NAO VE VIEC DO.

29. CHINH PHU HOA-KY DA THOA THUAN TU BO LAI CHIEC TAU TRUOC DAY DA DUA MOT SO LON NHUNG NGUOI NUON HOI HUONG NAY TOI DAO GUAM, DO LA CHIEC TAU VIET-NAM THUONG TIN VOI 487 BO, CO TRONG TAI 6.275 TAN. CAC GIOI CHUC TUYEN BO PHAI MAT TU HAI DEN BA TUAN LE DE TRANG BI CHIEC TAU CHO MOT CUCC HANH TRINH HAI TUAN LE TU DAO GUAM DI VIET-NAM. CHIEC TAU NAY SE CO DU PHUONG TIEN CHO MOT CUOC HANH TRINH KHUA HOI.

30. "KHONG PHAI CHUNG TOI 'GUI HO VE,'"BA JULIA TAFT

TUYEN BO. "CHUNG TOI CHO PHEP HO XU DUNG CHIEC TAU HO CHO THEO."

32. BA TAFT CHO BIET TRONG VAI TUAN QUA DA CO SU CANG

THANG TOT DO XAY RA TAI GUAM VOI HANG LOAT BIE; TINH,
TRONG CUOC BAO DONG XAY RA NGAY 31 THANG 8 VUA QUA DA CO
4 QUAN CANH MY GB THUONG.

33. QUYET DINH DE TU HO TRO VE BANG TAU DUOC DUA RA SAU
KHI HOANG THAN SADRUDIDIN AGA KAHAN, CAO UY VIEN LIEN
HIEP QUOC TRONG CHUYEN CONG DU TUAN QUA DA THAT BAI KHI
DP EU DINH DE CO MOT LOI NOI DUT KHOAT CUA CHINH QUYEN
CONG SAN HANOI VE VIEC TIEP NHAN CAC NGUOI HOI HUONG.
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34. THEO LOI CUA VI PHU TA ONG SADRADDIN, CHANH QUYEN
BAC VIET LAP LAI VE CHANH SACH TIEP NHAN NHUNG NGUOI
MUON TRO VE QUE NHA, LA VIEC HOI HUONG CUA HO SE DUOC
THUC HIEN NGAY SAU KHI DON CUA HO DA DUOC CUU XET.

35. BA TAFT CHO BIET NHUNG DOM XIN HOI HUONG DA DUOC
CHUYEN DEN CHINH QUYEN CONG SAN TRONG THANG 7 VUA QUA.

36. NGUON TIN KHAC CHO BIET, CHINH QUYEN CUA TONG THONG
FORD DA DI DEN KET LUAN LA HOANG THAN SADRADDIN DA THAT
BAI TRONG SU MANG CUA ONG VE VIEC DIEU DINH CHO NHUNG AI
MUON TRO VE TRONG TUONG LAI, VA CHINH PHU HOA-KY SE ROI
VAO TINH TRANG KHO KHAN NEU SU KIEN NAY CON KEO DAI THEM
NUA.

37. THEO NGUON TIN CUA CHINH PHU THI VIEC HOA-KY PHU
QUYET QUYEN GIA NHAP LIEN HIEP QUOC CUA CA HAI MIEN BAC
VA NAM VIET-NAM, TRU PHI NAMHHAN CUNG DUOC GIA NHAP DA
THUC SU GAY KHO KHAN CHO VAN DE NAY.

38. THEM VAO DO, DUOC BIET RANG NGOAI TRUONG HENRY A.
KISSINGER DA DAT NAM VPET-NAM VA CAM-BOT VAO DANH
SACH CAC QUOC GIA MA CAC GIAY THONG HANH HOA-KY SE KHONG
CO GIA TRI NEU KHONG DUOC DAC BIET CHUAN NHAN, SU KIEN
NAY DA NGUOC LAI VOI CAC KHUYEN NGHI CUA VAN PHONG DAC
TRACH SU VU DONG A VA THAI BINH DUONG.

39. THONG CAO CHINH THUC VE QUYET DINH NAY DA DUOC PHO

BIEN TREN TO "FEDERAL REGISTER" NEU LEN TINH TRANG
TRAM TRONG TRONG VIEC BANG GIAO GIUA CAC CHINH PHU NAY
VOI HOA-KY KE TU NGAY CONG SAN CHIEM SAIGON TRONG THANG
4 VUA QUA.

40. SUBSEQUENT GUIDANCE TO SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS
CONCERNING REPATRIATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WILL BE
PROVIDED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE. INDIVIDUAL COUNSELINGHOF
REPATRIATES SHOULD COMMENCE AFTER YOU RECEIVE FURTHER
GUIDANCE BY SUBSEQUENT CABLE. KISSINGER

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